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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

HEERENS et al.

Appln. No.: 10/084,656

Filed: February 28, 2002

Title: MASK HANDLING METHOD, AND MASK AND DEVICE OF APPARATUS  
COMPRISING A GRIPPER THEREFOR, DEVICE MANUFACTURING  
METHOD AND DEVICE MANUFACTURED THEREBY

Group Art Unit: 2812

Examiner: UNKNOWN

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January 24, 2003

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European Patent Nos. 0 789 280 A2/A3 and 0 881 538 A2/A3 and U.S. Patent No. 4,610,020 were previously submitted for consideration by the Examiner on February 28, 2002, and therefore no additional copies are provided herein.

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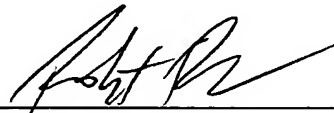
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